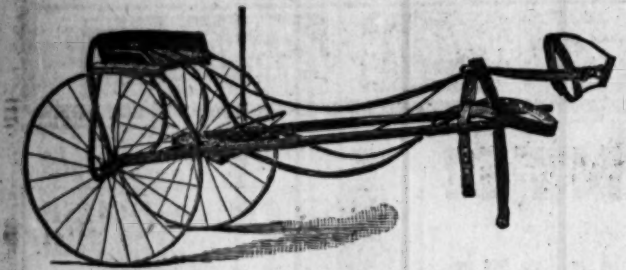


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A MOST COMPLETE LINE of the best makes, and our prices are very low. Come and examine the line.

Open During This Week Until 7 O'CLOCK.

We are headquarters for everything in the CUTLERY LINE.

And what is more appropriate than a good pocket knife or case of razors for a gentleman or case of scissors for a lady?



Open every evening of this week until 7 o'clock.

SIMMONS HARDWARE COMPANY,

Ninth and Washington Avenue.

Open every evening of this week until 7 o'clock.

DAVIS CONFESSES.

Walter Sherman and Paramour Met Death at His Hands.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Before the jury of inquest this morning Matt Davis, colored, confessed to having killed his wife, Ann Davis, and Walter Sherman, who were found dead in a cottage yesterday. He related the story of the crime in full. He had received a letter while in Knoxville, telling of the intimacy of his wife with Sherman, and came home to investigate. He went to the cottage and concealed himself in a room. His visit resulted in finding Sherman and Mrs. Davis in a compromising position, and rushing to their room he placed a pistol close to their heads. The woman's death was instantaneous, but when Davis left the cottage Sherman was still groaning in the agony of death. The jury of inquest on hearing the confession immediately returned a verdict to the effect that they believed the killing to be justifiable and the prisoner was released.

SOCIETY STATIONERY FOR XMAS.

At our stationery department we engrave a copper plate and furnish 100 finest calling cards from it for only \$1.50, and we also cut monogram and address cards for stamping writing paper for \$2.50 and \$3.50, and sell the finest of papers at very low prices, the elegance of which in order to appreciate, you should call and see. Mermoid & Jaccard Jewelry Co., Broadway, cor. Locust.

Carondelet Jettings.

Jacob Ehrlich, a farmer, residing near Luxembourg, fell from his wagon on Robert avenue, yesterday afternoon, while returning from the city in an intoxicated condition, and was severely injured. One of the wheels passed over his head, almost cutting off the right ear. He was taken to Brich's dispensary, where his injuries were attended. The public school children of Carondelet will hold high carnival Friday to welcome the Christmas holidays. Santa Claus himself, it is said, will visit the children of Bismarck and Carondelet school districts. The children of Bismarck school district were arrested and locked up in the First District Police station, charged with stealing goods and from Klamm's brewery belonging to Rudolph Klamm. Walker is suspected of being the same party who has committed several small thefts in the neighborhood recently. The President Chemical works will shut down to-morrow and will not resume operations until after the first of the new year. St. Boniface Church will hold their Christmas entertainment on New Year's Eve. The Carondelet Taverners are making arrangements for their annual masquerade ball, which will be held Feb. 20, 1894. Carondelet Heights Social Club are arranging for an entertainment to be given Christmas Eve, at their hall on Francis avenue. Capt. Orapetis is reported to be about again.

Crawford's does not propose to discriminate against its most valued city clientele by paying all the way from 25c to 35c or more to ship their country cousins goods. Every city customer should claim a rebate when buying goods equal to the cost to express it 100 miles or more. She can get it, but Mr. Smart Merchant will tuck it on first.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The following Postmasters were appointed to-day in Missouri: Kirbyville, Taney Co., Geo. Meranda, vice G. W. Van Zant, removed. From St. Louis, Taney Co., S. W. Fair, vice G. L. Holt, removed. Shawneetown, Cape Girardeau Co., E. L. Hope, vice L. N. Torrence, resigned. Spencer, Lawrence Co., A. V. Clarke, vice O. P. Johnson, resigned. Portlow, Laclede Co., A. V. Davenport, vice W. M. Marsh, resigned. ILINOIS. Bureauham, Cook Co., B. A. Cook, vice Milphael Cobb, resigned. Mineral, Bureau Co., C. S. Moore, vice E. J. Sly, resigned.

MOTHERS, WIVES, DAUGHTERS, SWEET HEARTS,

In fact, every lady, appreciates something useful for a Christmas present. A stylish Mackintosh is always acceptable. We carry them in beautiful patterns and styles, and at less cost than elsewhere offered.

DAY RUBBER CO., 418 N. 4TH ST.

A New Corporation.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—The Secretary of State to-day issued a certificate of incorporation to the Electric Cash Carrier & Cheque-maker Co. of Kansas City; capital, \$100,000. The Peters Shoe Co. of St. Louis to-day filed statement of increase in capital stock from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

GENTS' smoking jackets, \$5.00 to \$12; jersey and house coats, \$2.50 to \$5; dressing gowns, \$4 up; gent's silk vests, \$3.50 to \$7.50. GLOBE, 2 N. W. cor. Franklin and 7th st.



"THE HUB."

A Handsome Building to be Erected at Twelfth and Franklin Avenue.

The above illustration shows the handsome new business structure to be erected at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Franklin avenue. The building will be called "The Hub." It will rise five stories above the sidewalk, its exterior walls being constructed of a warm buff colored brick. The roof will be surmounted by a heavy broad copper



cornice extending out over the sidewalk for a distance of five feet. The building, when finished, will cost, it is estimated, between \$65,000 and \$70,000, and will be a handsome addition to Franklin avenue architecture. The corner on which the building is to be erected is a portion of the estate which the projectors of the enterprise leased through Geo. Kirckbaum, agent for the estate. Mr. Kirckbaum states that the lease was made at a rental of \$1,200 a year subject to a raise of \$300 per annum every five years during the term of the lease, on condition that the lessee put up a handsome improvement on the ground such as that contemplated.

PITTSBURG CRUSHED COKE.

A positive luxury; saves 80 per cent. Investigate before buying your fuel. Devoy & Feuerborn Coal and Coke Co., 704 Pine street.

Only High School Graduates Admitted.

The Teachers' Committee of the school Board held a meeting last evening and decided that hereafter no pupils be admitted to the Normal school unless they are graduates of the St. Louis High School. The graduation day was fixed for Jan. 27, and examinations for the High School will be held on Jan. 24.

Miss Christina K. Cameron was transferred by second assistant Repton school to second assistant Bryan Hill school from third assistant school. Miss Ida G. Hettzell was appointed third assistant at the Cote Brilliance school. The leave of absence of Miss Kate Alexander of the Madison school was extended for five weeks, with the promise of her present position on her return. The resignations of Miss Sarah Thomas of the Ashland school and Miss Nellie Nelson graduate of the Normal, were received and accepted.

The schools will close at the usual hour on Friday, Dec. 22, and open Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1894.

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We are located at N. E. Corner of Sixth and Locust streets. We have lots of

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EAST ST. LOUIS AND BELLEVILLE.

Non-Union Carpenters Employed on Race Track Work at Alleged Cut Prices.

About 200 carpenters are employed at the race track, tearing down and rebuilding the stalls on the north side of the course. They are all working, it is said, for less than union wages, and trouble may be expected on that account. There is a very strong union in East St. Louis, Carpenters' and Joiners' No. 103, whose officers have been apprised of the alleged state of affairs at the racetrack. The officers claim to have information that the carpenters employed by the Jockey Club are working nine hours per day at the rate of \$2.25 per diem. The scale maintained by the union entitles carpenters to 18 hours for a day's work of eight hours, and heretofore the price has been paid by all contractors and builders without protest. There is considerable indignation among the members of the union at the alleged action of the Jockey Club, and the contractors doing its work, in employing 200 persons, mostly strangers, at wages for a nine hour day considerably less than union wages for eight hours' work. A special meeting of the union to consider the matter has been called for to-morrow. The officers of the union are expected to appear at the meeting. The Jockey Club has been charged with keeping a disorderly house, hotel and saloon on East Broadway, has been having Saturday night dances at the place, and it is said, several disturbances have occurred at these entertainments. Two young men who had engaged in a fight about a girl at one of these dances were arrested and Officer Mikobransky served it at once. Justice Benson set the hearing for Friday, and the woman gave bail for her appearance on that day. Local Carpenters' Union, No. 69, elected these officers last night: R. Impy, President; Aaron Housh, Treasurer; George Howe, Vice-President; E. C. Gannon, Secretary; Daniel Heardon, Cashier; Charles Knapp, Treasurer; William Piappert, Treasurer.

William Sheehan and John McCarthy, who were arrested here yesterday on the charge of assaulting a police officer, were released with their own recognizance. They were taken to the city lock-up last week at the best canny and failed to appear at the first hearing, but have an examination next Saturday before Magistrate Needles, of which they were released on bail yesterday morning, but were released on bail and returned home in the afternoon. St. Mary's Branch, No. 24, C. O. of A., has elected the following officers: Fr. J. P. Markins, Spiritual Director; F. C. Morris, Secretary; Joseph Keel, Collector; D. P. Walsh, Treasurer.

St. Mary's Hospital, on Missouri avenue, is crowded with grip patients. The wards are so well occupied that there is no room for new patients at present.

The Tudor Ironworks have shut down again, this time, it is said, for an indefinite period. A scarcity of cash orders is the cause of the shut-down.

Belleville.

Hon. Jehu Baker, who is to lecture at Laidlaw's hall to-morrow night under the auspices of the Clerks' Association on "The Reminiscences of Six Years in South America," has already made an engagement for a memorial address to be delivered next year. The G. A. R. post of Sparta has secured his promise to speak at Sparta the 30th of next May.

A photograph of Gov. Arthur St. Clair has been presented by one of his descendants to Hon. J. M. Perkins of Belleville, who has an enlarged copy of it prepared for presentation to this county.

Return have come in from the relief societies of the First and Second wards. H. F. Fredericks of the First ward has collected \$28 and Philip Miller of the Second ward \$10, which sums will go to swell the fund for the relief of the poor.

Robert Hall was held for the grand jury by Justice Madary yesterday on the charge of kidnapping to Belleville the residence of Charles Harris of West Belleville.

Five citizens were issued yesterday to H. G. Fries of Shiloh Valley and Mary Frederick of Macoupin, Conrad Vogel of Carrollton and William A. G. Buecher and Mamie Townsend of Lebanon.

The grand jury met yesterday at 10 o'clock, and adjourned until Thursday. It was expected that the term would not yesterday, but the adjournment was not set off.

Mrs. Catherine Meyer, aged 75 years, died at the County Hospital yesterday. She was the widow of the late Jacob Meyer of this city.

It is announced that Mr. Frank Herz of this city will be married the 26th inst., to Miss Emma Stender of St. Louis.

PLUMBERS' WAR.

A Fight Which Threatens to Cut Down the Profits.

The millennium of anti-trust wars seems to have arrived. The latest to be inaugurated in St. Louis, being an anti-plumbing war, a war to the death on all prevailing prices which have been established by a time-honored custom so old that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. The inaugurators of this crusade live in the heart of this city, but the length of their lives is not guaranteed.

Every man and woman in St. Louis who owns a house and knows what it is to place a mortgage on it to pay the plumber's bill should hang the banner on the outer walls to welcome the advance of these deliverers from a thrallion that has so long endured. Imagine a plumber water pipe being repaired for 50 cents, or a frozen pipe thawed out for the same amount. Traps are to be put in for 30 cents and sinks and gas-pipes cleaned out for 40 cents. Gas pipes to be laid for 10 cents per foot, new faucets put in for \$1.40, closets repaired for 50 cents, leathers put on hydrants for 4 cents and all similar work done for correspondingly low prices.

If this war is successful how can the average plumber expect to wear diamonds any longer?

CONVENTS AND SCHOOLS.

Archbishop Kain Making a Systematic Inspection of These Institutions.

Archbishop Kain last Sunday visited the hospital of the Sisters of Mercy at Twenty-second and Morgan streets and inspected all the departments of the institution. During the short time he has been attached to the St. Louis diocese, Archbishop Kain has made a point of inspecting all the convents, schools and institutions over which he has any jurisdiction in order to direct them when necessary with judgment based on personal knowledge.

Archbishop Kain has deemed it advisable to cancel arrangements for several public entertainments, viz: the two which were to have been given on account of his ill-health. Chief among these postponements was the dedication of the marble altar recently erected by Mr. Francis Fisher in the old Cathedral at Second and Walnut streets.

There never was and never will be again a store like Crawford's, if Crawford's quits.

Skates at low prices at Simmons Hardware Co.

A BABY DROWNED.

The Body of a 4-Weeks-Old Infant Found in the River.

The body of a 4-weeks-old male infant was taken from the river yesterday at East Carondelet. Coroner Campbell held an inquest to-day, but was unable to learn anything about the child's parentage. It was evident that the babe had been drowned, and a verdict to that effect was rendered.

Crawford's are cutting off silks for Christmas presents these days as lively as most stores do calicoes, and not for so much more money.

REAL ESTATE NEWS.

A Row of Sixteen Flats Sold—Aubert and Knight Avenue Deal.

A row of sixteen flats, at the corner of Glasgow avenue and Benton street, was purchased this morning by Mr. Chas. W. McFarland, the real estate operator, from Mr. Robert T. Blow. The deal was effected by the Matthews-Sharp Real Estate Co. The flats have 55,000 feet of ground and rent for \$25,000 a year. The purchase price paid was \$25,000.

Another large deal of investment property was consummated this morning by the firm of Mueller & Faribault, who closed the sale of 35,000 feet of ground at the southwest corner of Aubert and Knight avenues for \$8,500, from Charles A. Dyer, trustee, to Thomas Brown, who will improve the site with a row of handsome buildings. Mr. Brown was represented in the deal by John H. Deany & Co.

Gay & McCann report the sale of house No. 2026 Madison street, with 25,000 feet of ground, from James Outlin to Emilie Heine.

No withholding allowed to get you to part with your money at Crawford's, who only desire to do business on pure, unadulterated merit.



KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers, and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

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Did you see me at the Fair?

Yes!

Did you see her at the Fair in the handsomest of all pavilions?

Did you taste a cup of that BEST of all chocolates?

Did you know before what a cup of good chocolate was? You know it now—

Why then not use it daily?

Skimmed Milk Is Not Cream

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Drink

Chocolat Menier.

Your grocer is bound to get it for you.

NUTS! NUTS! NUTS! NUTS!

Texas Pecans, Princess Paper Shell and Taragona Almonds; California, Grenoble and Naples Walnuts; Jordan and Valencia Shelled Almonds, Filberts, Brazil Nuts; also the celebrated KENTISH COB NUTS.

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WE MAKE A SPECIALTY OF FANCY SLIPPERS. LADIES' FANCY SLIPPERS.

Open Every Evening all this week until 9 p.m. Saturday until 10:30 p.m.

The Largest Assortment in the City TO SELECT FROM.

PRICES REDUCED DOWN TO HARD-PAN.



BLACK GOAT OPERA,

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EMBROIDERED SLIPPERS,

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Russia Tan, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50.
Russia Goat, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

ALLIGATORS, Assorted Colors.



THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT Doll Shoes IN THE CITY.

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CITY NEWS.

Crawford's is the spot, and the only spot, where the people can get anything and everything they want for Christmas presents. Crawford's not only has the stock, has the variety, but it has them at prices to suit the times and guaranteed to be at least 25 per cent below all competition. Save your time, your money and your patience by going direct to Crawford's.

PRIVATE matters skillfully treated and medicines furnished. Dr. Dinsbeer, 514 Pine st.

A HANDSOME PROFIT REMAINS.

The Olympia's Extra Cost to Her Builders Through Breakage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—An official of the Union Iron Works, in an interview, states that up to the time the new cruiser Olympia left port on her first trial run, the cruiser has cost the builders \$1,300 above the contract price, \$1,700,000, and there still remained over \$100,000 for the contractors to expend for future, deck shooting, mounting turrets and guns and giving final touches. Then, too, the breaking of a pump bolt on the first trip caused an expenditure of \$50,000 more by the builders, as the government pays the expenses only of the trial on which acceptance is based. The builders now estimate, however, that the cruiser's remarkable speed in excess of the contract requirements has won a premium of probably \$400,000, so there will really be a handsome profit.

THE DAVIS MILLIONS.

How the Great Wealth of the Montana Miner Will Be Divided.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—Two of the heirs to the millions left by Andrew J. Davis, the Montana millionaire, live in Chicago. They are George W. Davis and his brother, E. H. Davis. The will case is now finally settled, after many years of litigation. The two sons of the dead millionaire have two brothers, who come in for an equal share of the wealth. They live in Montana. A settlement has been made with the contestants of the will, Henry A. Root and Maria Cummings, on the basis of their original claim, which was three and a half millions of the entire estate. This would equal \$5,000,000, and in the settlement the contestants are given their expenses and counsel fees, which amount to nearly \$500,000. Robert G. Ingersoll was of counsel for the contestants, while the proponents had seven attorneys, the best in the Northwest. Negotiations looking to the settlement have extended through three and a half years. At every step both sides have fought with all the methods the law allows. John A. Davis, the original proprietor and a brother of Andrew J., was killed by falling down a flight of stairs in Victoria, British Columbia, last winter while the negotiations were in progress. There was talk at the time that he had been pushed down the stairway, but it was proved that the death was accidental. With his death his claim in his brother's estate went to his four sons, who, through the recent settlement, have become millionaires. The wealth of Andrew J. Davis was accumulated chiefly by the Montana Smelting Co., a large works, of which he was chief owner. Because of the recent depression this property is now considerably decreased in value. There are, however, many other assets, including securities of the best kind and large real estate holdings in Massachusetts. It is estimated that the estate would bring at forced sale between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000. Henry A. Root, who made the fight against the probate of the will, came originally from New York and was a nephew of Andrew J. Davis. He is a lawyer and his determined fight for a portion of the Davis millions won for him the admiration of his profession. At

least \$1,000,000 has been spent in the case by both sides, and had John A. Davis lived it is probable that a settlement would not have been reached without a decision from the court. The legal battles of the case have been in Massachusetts as well as Montana and motions and arguments before judges have kept the crowd of lawyers traveling from Butte to New York and Boston. The Davises are an old Illinois family, having lived for some years in Chicago. Andrew J. Davis went from Rockford to Montana just before the best mining days and "struck it rich." When he died he left \$12,000,000. He left no immediate family and a short time after his death John A. Davis filed a petition for appointment as administrator of the estate. Objection was made by Root, who had gone to Butte from New York, but the court made the appointment asked.

An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court and pending the hearing on this appeal Mr. Davis produced an instrument he claimed was the last will and testament of his brother. This made useless the appointment of the administrator and the appeal was never heard. The will was contested and on this the fight was made. The contest was made by Root, acting also for his aunt, Mrs. Cummings.

It was claimed by the contestants that the will was a forgery made by one James R. Eddy, and that it was not in fact the last will and testament of Andrew J. Davis. After the contest was entered the court appointed J. A. Talbot a special administrator for the estate, and the property will be under his control until the papers of settlement are filed. The trial of the case was held in July and August in 1891 through many weeks and was marked by a series of sensational events in testimony. Col. Ingersoll went from New York to conduct examinations for the contestants, and because of his appearance and brilliant way, aside from the general interest in the case, the court-room was crowded continually.

Allegations of dishonesty, fraud and forgery were made with seeming indiscriminate, and such interest was provoked in the case that nearly all the people of the state were arraigned in their sympathies on one side or the other. The trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury. It stood seven in favor of the contestants and five for the proponents. The contestants lacked one vote of a sufficient number to win.

There were allegations of jury bribing on both sides, but these never took form in legal proceedings, and efforts were made by the contestants to effect a settlement. These, however, were unavailing. Mr. Davis declared that he would win the case. Consequently the second trial was set for May 8, 1892.

On Jan. 25 last, before the date for the new trial, John A. Davis was killed in Victoria, B. C. This placed the negotiations for a settlement in a new phase. Instead of Mr. Davis, the contestants had to deal with his heirs, four sons, and it was understood that these had advised their father to make a settlement.

Shortly after the death of Mr. Davis negotiations were begun with a settlement in view, but these were not brought to an end before the time for the second trial. This was again postponed with the consent of both parties, and the efforts to secure a settlement through the subsequent months have been brought to an end by the making of the compromise last week.

The S. A. Rider JEWELRY CO., corner of seventh st. and Washington av., cordially invite their friends and the public at large to call and examine their handsome display of holiday goods, among which will be found an elegant line of DIAMONDS, DESIGNS and ONYX CLOCKS, ONYX TABLES and PERISTALS, SEVERE vases, banquet and PIANO LAMPS, BRONZE and MARBLE FIGURES, a large assortment of fine watches in different grades, musical boxes, a beautiful assortment of sterling SILVER NOVELTIES, sterling SILVER TABLEWARE, silver-plated ware, opera glasses, umbrellas and canes and the latest styles of ladies', gents' and children's jewelry.

HUMPHREY'S,

Broadway and Pine.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19, 1893.

The indications for St. Louis for to-day are: Clear and colder.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

'Tis true that everybody likes to receive a present, especially from a friend, but we believe that for many there is more joy in giving than in receiving. Take this home to yourself; don't it make you happy to see others so? Then it is you can truly say: "I AM REJOICED."

Make your selections early in the week, before the choicest things in our great stock are gone.

While Your Boy Is Figuring Out What'll Suit Him Best,

You can be figuring out what'll, in your estimation, most please those to whom you'll give.

Can't we help you by suggesting, for instance: For father, brother, husband, son, uncle or nephew—A Suit of Clothes, an Overcoat, Dressing Gown, Smoking Jacket, Bath Robe, Valise or Traveling Bag, Umbrella, Fur Gloves, Cap, Muffler, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Shirts, Neckwear, Hosiery, Pocket-book, Card Case—all of which you'll find in our magnificent stock at popular prices.



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MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Made by the White River Conference of the M. E. Church.

JONESBORO, Ark., Dec. 19.—The following are the ministerial appointments made by the White River conference of the Arkansas M. E. Church South, last night just before the six day session was brought to a close: Jonesboro District—Presiding Elder, Frank R. Terry; Jonesboro Station, G. W. Smith; Jonesboro Circuit, J. W. Watson; Vandalia Circuit, A. C. Granger; Harrisburg Circuit, John E. Egan; Shiloh Circuit, W. W. Watson; Loxley Circuit, J. B. Moorehead; Buffalo Island Circuit, to be supplied; Paragould Station, J. C. Ritter; Paragould Circuit, A. C. Granger; Galesville P. B. Walcott; Marquette, W. C. Toombs; Chickasaw, W. E. Webb; Pecos Point, H. C. Edmonson; Marion, E. G. Hill; Osceola, A. E. Holloway.

Helena District—Presiding Elder, M. M. Smith; Helena Station, M. B. Corlies; West Helena, F. C. Sterling; Marianna Station, R. C. Moorehead; Forest City Station, R. Taylor; Haines, W. W. Hendrix; Wheatley, E. P. Crow; Clarendon Station, D. W. Reid; Brainerd Station, W. R. Hayes; Cotton Plant Station, J. L. Maynard; Cypress Ridge, to be supplied; Holly Grove and Martell, R. J. Britton; Poplar Grove and Turner, W. J. Vick; Taylor's Creek, E. S. Bickley; La Grange and Spring Creek, W. W. Anderson; Oak Forest, W. A. Massey; Hunter, to be supplied; Wynne, A. Garrett. Searcy District—Presiding Elder, H. T. Gregory; Searcy Station, F. J. Jeffery; West Searcy, J. M. Tinkling; Mount Pisgah, W. R. Foster; Seabee Station, W. C. Davidson; Azar and W. C. Craig; Jackson, S. C. Stone; Beebe, J. C. Craig; West Point, L. King; Bradford, W. A. Fenderson; Argenta Station, H. M. Crutten; Union, J. W. Patton; Galloway College, J. H. Dyer, President; Arkansas Methodist, Z. T. Russell, editor.

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The Outcome of His Alleged Assault on Marcellus West, Colored.

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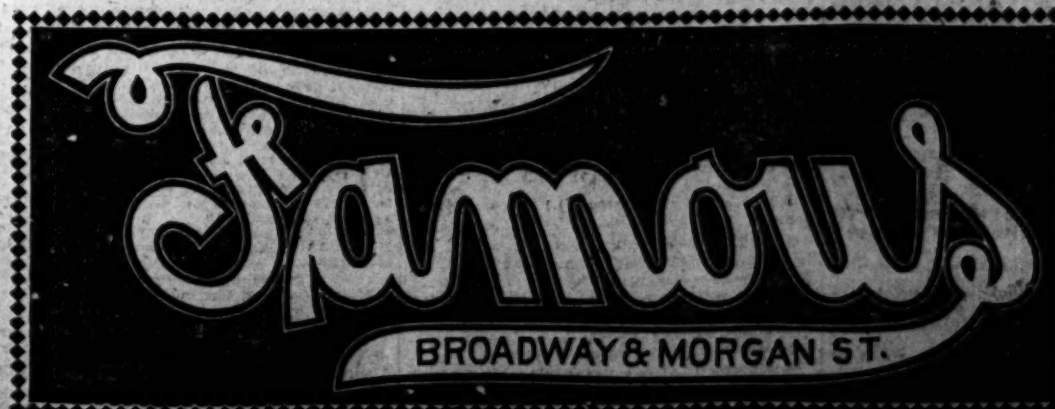
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